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Enhanced Tennessee Enrollment Process

We are pleased to announce that the SSMS student enrollment process has been enhanced to include a search across all SSMS databases as well as EIS when enrolling students. The addition of the unique student identifier (auto-generated State ID) has now been implemented as well. The enhanced features enable districts to access demographic information for those students that already exists in SSMS and EIS during the enrollment process which should help to minimize miss-matches in the data. The addition of the unique student identifier should help to reduce the duplication of students across the state as well. A *How To Guide* for the Tennessee Enhanced Enrollment Process has been emailed to districts in Phase I & II. Current SSMS districts may contact ssms.info@state.tn.us if you did not receive a copy of the *How To Guide*

EIS Extract Mapping Document

SSMS districts were recently provided a document that maps the data fields in Star Student and EasyIEP to the EIS extract fields. This is a valuable tool for insuring districts provide the appropriate data that feed the EIS extracts. SSMS districts may contact ssms.info@state.tn.us if you did not receive a copy of this document.

Phase III Kick-Off Sessions

The third phase of implementation for the SSMS got underway during the week of November 14, 2005 when the Project Team conducted three regional Phase III Kick-Off sessions across the state. These sessions provided the districts with an overview of the implementation rollout plan for data conversion and training, including a timeline and the expectations for making the transition to StarStudent and EasyIEP. The sessions were very well attended as all Phase III districts (as well as a few in Phase IV) were represented. A copy of the 2005 Phase III Kick-Off presentation used during the sessions is available on the state SSMS website as well as a current list of the Phase III districts at <http://www.state.tn.us/education/ssms>.

DataBase Administrator (DBA) Webex Training for Phase III

The first round of training for Phase III districts gets underway on November 29th. In an effort to assist DBAs with the initial setup requirements for the SSMS, a series of Webex sessions have been scheduled to familiarize the DBA with Star Student and to initiate the process for the setup of validation tables.

We strongly encourage all Phase III districts to register for one of these training sessions and to invite those persons in your district who will have direct responsibility for managing your database at the district and school level, to attend on your session date. The sessions which are scheduled to last a maximum of three (3) hours are available on the following dates:

November 29	December 13
December 1	December 15
December 5	December 19
December 7	December 21
December 9	



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Registration information has been provided by email. For questions or additional information about these training sessions, please contact ssms.info@state.tn.us.

Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems Grant

- The Tennessee Department of Education (TDOE) has been awarded a \$3.2 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education under its new State Longitudinal Data Systems program.
- TDOE has a long tradition of tracking individual student assessment data under the Tennessee Value-Added Assessment System (TVAAS).
- TDOE will build on this tradition by developing a longitudinal student data system that provides Tennessee educators, policymakers, parents, and the public with a broad new array of high-quality data about schools and districts.
- The data system will collect, integrate, and store data at the student level to streamline state data collections, improve data quality, and encourage sophisticated data analysis to improve educational outcomes.
- The data system will support the Tennessee Report Card and numerous TNDOE school and district improvement initiatives, such as the Tennessee School Improvement Planning Process (TSIPP) and the Tennessee Comprehensive Systemwide Planning Process (TCSPP).
- Tennessee is one of 14 state winners out of the 45 who applied.

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